LATEST NEWS BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.

WEATHER FORECAST, El Pasa, fair, colder; New Mexico, cala or snow; Arizona, rain south, snow north.

U.S. TROOPS TO GUARD AGAINST ATTACK

American Forces Battle At Parral SAY PLOTTERS BURNED

Gulierrez Says Americans Appeared Unheralded; Mexicans Alarmed.

FIGHT DESIGNATED AS UNIMPORTANT

U. S. Army Officers Skeptical About Shipping Over The Mexican Central.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April punitive expedition in Mexico curred in the firing on the American troops at Purral. Mex. Official indview received here today y that Mexican civilians fired to the frança, and wrounding machier. The bops replied, killing many. Carana frosips did not fire on the accience, but assisted in restor-g order.

garded as serious by military men here, exception the fact that it was aimost solucident with the announcement of Carranan that the further presence of Americans in Sexico was undealiable. It was believed probable that every Mexican commanding officer in northern Mexico already had been apprised of the intention of the government at Parral might make the relations between the de facto troops and the Minerican forces strained.

No Intention to Occupy Parral.

Little was known here of the troible of Parral. Gen. Gutterrex reported to consul Letcher at Chinushua saying the American force had marched into Parral and the populace or garrison had met them with a rifle the that was returned by the Americans. The reports characterized it as an "exchange of that the decade in the factor of casuallies."

HEALTH OFFICERS OF STATE CALLED TO MEET ON MAY 12 Austin, Tex. April 12.—Dr. W. B.

Gen. Function assumed that the decolin. Function assumed that the de-ichment of Americans was a force of it men of the 15th cavalry operating of in that territory under Maj. Tompkins, a c discredited the suggestion that the fileer communding the American force and mry intention of occupying Parral and highered it likely he had intended cerely to murch his men through the

Army Beinforcements Delayed.
Further delay in pravialing Gen. Perding with more men for his operations called Vilin believed now to have affect a function with his forces from errange appeared certain in view of is announcement of tentative arrangements for the shipnent of supplies over the Mexican Central rational.

Will Nodernie Situation.
If high efficials in Mexico do not derfore with the arrangement it was commissed that it will go far toward levisiting a situation that counter-aster officials had regarded as rapile becoming acore, but since the results of the proposed anipping hourd, continued.

Recall Petition, Citing Murders, Circulated.

Speaker Clark, Through Mistake, Is Guest At Uncle Joe's Banquet

Washington, D. C. April 13.— Ehrough a mistake, spoaker Champ Clark Wednesday night occupied a seat of honor at a Republican banquet given the speaker "Uncle

arreed with attorney general Looney, who in an opinion, held that all such land purchased under the act of 18x2 by individuals carries the title to any mineral that may be found on the land. In changing his position, Mr. Robinsol said he had not changed his personal views, but that he was actuated by a desire to have this question settled by the higher courts through mandamus proceedings.

DELAMATER AND HULEN ARE MENTIONED FOR GENERALSHI Austin, Texas, April 13.—The substitution of the brigadier sceneral for the state of the state o

RENEWED ACTIVITY SHOWN IN

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE that the de facto government of Nexico had directed the withdrawal of American troops from Mexican territory. Ambulances and other military equipment, which had been stores in the heasement of the state house were today removed to the state arsenal at Camp Mabry. The work was done by the 30 paroled convicts, who have now practically cleared Camp Mabry. Gen, Hutchings said there were no new developments today. The camp is now in firstclass condition for the reception of the state guard, should it be called lite service by the federal government to assist in Mexico, or for border service.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS.

Tucson Sheriff Refuses, and Speaker Declares Want of Battle Efficiency Due to Lack of Direction.

was informed his wife had com- the

MENTIONED FOR GENERALSHIP

DISCRIMINATION CHARGED TO BAKER BY ASHURST AND SMITH

Washington, D. C. April 12.—Senn-tors Ashurst and Smith, of Arizona, to-day assailed the recent refusal of sec-retary Baker to issue riften belonging to the war department to un organ-ized rifle club at Higher, Ariz. Schator Ashurst said the refusal vio-lated the law and senator Smith de-clated the law and senator Smith de-clated there had been discrimination against citizens of his state.

KNOX IN RACE FOR SENATE; ENTERS PENNSYLVANIA RACE

Harrisburg, Pa., April 12.—Philander C. Knox today filed papers at the office of the secretary of the commonwealth saying that he is a candidate for the nobination of United States senator on the Republican ficket.

PUEBLO BANKER IS TRIED; Senate.

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Fostoffice committee worked

on appropriation bill.

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Heurings on the Alexander
bill, defining the powers of the
proposed shipping board, coninned.

The examination of prospective jurora then was begun.

Fire and Bomb Attempts Caused \$4,000,000 Damage; Four Men Held.

TWO CONFESSED. POLICE ASSERT

Names of Capts. von Papen and Boy-Ed, Former Attaches, Are Dragged In.

N EW YORK, April 12.—Detectives who on Wednesday arrested four Germans charged with dading bombs on ships carrying war nunitions to the entente allies, today

not been disclosed.

One Sent by German Attache.
Detectives asserted foday that one of the prisoners said he had been sent to the factory in Hoboken by Capt. Franz von Papen, former military attache of the German embassy at Washington, who was recalled at the request of the United States.

The Hoboken factory was a small structure in which a few men were employed. One of the prisoners told the police it was used at first to make fertilizer for shipment to Germany through neutral countries and that the Germans extracted lubricating oil from the fertilizer after its arrival in Germany.

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Both Becker and you Kleist are said by the police to have confessed making the bombs. The parts played by Capts, Woipert and Rode have not been told. Discovery of the plot was brought about, according to the authorities of Hoboken, through the discontent of a man who had quarreied with the leaders ever money payments. The Hoboken authorities said that this man, whose identity is withheld, told them that Capt. Boy-Ed, the German naval attache in Washington, and Capt. von Papen, the military attache, had before their departure from the United States phased a large sum of money at the disposal of the bomb makers.

Turned Over to I. S.

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The four prisoners were taken from police headquarters to the office of district attorney Cronses, of Brooklyn, for prosecution in that district, but after a consultation between the detectives in charge and Mr. Cropsey, it was decided to turn them over to the custody of the department of justice. Accordingly they were taken to the headquarters of the department, after which a conference was hold with federal district attorney Marshall as to what disposition should be made of them.

Germans On Const Dean Guilf.

of them.

Germans On Coast Deny Guilt.

San Francisco, Calif., April 12.—

Franz Bopp. consul general of Germany here, and four others pleaded not guilty today in the United States dis-

Financial Prosperity Of Country Is Best Ever

Washington, D. C., April 13.—
Financial prosperity and strength is
greater in the United States than
ever before and is rising rapidly to
new levels, according to the interpretation placed by the controler of
the coursency on figures made public showing conditions March 7, the
date of the last bank call on the
country's national banks.
Here is what the returns show:
Total resources of national banks,
\$13,515,860,900, an increase of \$2.—
271,000,000, or 20 percent, within a
year.

Lull at Verdun While Attackers Bring Up More Men and Artillery.

Paris, France, April 13 -- Another lull is the Germans have been obliged to ause in order to fill up the gaps in and to bring up munitions preparatory to further onslaughts. It is believed

London, Eng., April 13.—Swift Mack-neil suggested in the house of com-mens today that an act be passed de-priving the "traitor" dukes of Cum-berland and Albany, cousins of king George, who are serving with the Ger-man army, of their British pesrages. Premier Asquith replied he did not believe the time of the house would be employed profitably with such a suggestion, as the dukes already had been expelled from the Order of the

RUSSIAN SHIP TORPEDOED: NINE MEN REACH SAFETY Barcelona Spain, April 13.—The Russian salling vessel Imperator has been torpedoed by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean, Nine of the crew, some of whom are wounded, have been landed here by a Dutch steamship.

MONEY IS CONTRABAND. London, Eng., April 13.—A royal proclamation extending the list of articles which hereafter will be treated as actual contraband includes gold, silver and paper money and all negotiable instruments and realizable zero.

AMERICAN STEAMER BELD,

The War At a Glance

subsided for the moment after several days of particularly severe fighting. There were no su-gagements of importance in that region host night, the official French statement of this afternoon

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The principal German effort since the general Verdun offensive was begun Sunday has been the attempt to force a passage between Dead Man's Hill and Cumisres for the purpose of enveloping the hill. Some French trenches in this vicinity were carried, but the main positions of the defenders were Design and the operations

On the castern front, Russian attacks have not seriously shaken the German lines and although spirited fighting is still in progress at various points, the offensive movement apparently is subsiding. The Russian saffing vessel Imperator, on a voyage from Gulfport, Mississippi, for Marnelles, has been torpeded in the Mediterranean. Nine of the crew, some of them wounded, have been landed at Barwounded, have been landed at Bar-

597 Sacks of Mail Removed By British From Ship at Kirkwall.

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AUSTRIAN ROYALTY GOES

TO SHRINE; PRAYS FOR PEACE

Paris, France, April 12.—Sixteen members of the Austrian imperial family, including archduchess Zita, wife of archduke Charles Francia, beir to the fahrone, archduchess Maria Theresa, wife of archduke & Maria Theresa, wife of archdukes Leopold Salvator, with seven sons, look part in a pilgrimage leaded by cardinal Piffi, archbishop of Vienna, to the sanctuary of the Maria Maria and that when discovered they were plusticated that the proposet of the meaning possible of the following articles: Sread, meal, milk, butter, Indiation inter, eggs, lard, polatoes, sugar, cheese, green vogstables, wine eider, table beer, fertilibures, petroleum and alcohol for burning purposes.

The proposed period of application is the duration of the war and threa months following the cessation of hostilities.

RUSSIAN SHIP TORPEDOED.

Berlin, Germany, April 12.— Reports from British sources atale that a Dutch hoat which went out with divers to examine the wrecked steamship Tubantia, found 24 floating mines on its way home. Sale the (verseans News Agency. "German authorities assert that these mines must have been found within a district which, according to the German admiralty's precimination of February 4, 1915, is absolutely free from German mines. Therefore, these mines belong to the enemy."

FOOD SITUATION SERIOUS IN TURKEY, SAYS REPORT

Washington, D. C. April 12 - The government has official information that the food situation in Turkey inserious. Little hope is entertained of the continuous form the outputs.

BRITISH SHIP TORPEDOED, London, Fing. April 12,—The torpedoing of the British steamship Adamson is reported in a dispatch to Lioyd's
filed Tuesday at Harwich. The 22 men
of the crew were landed. The steamship is believed to have gone down.

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The Troops Will Remain In Mexico, Pending Negotiations With Carranza.

CARRANZA NOTE GIVEN TO LANSING

War Department Is Prepared To Back Up Field Forces If Need Should Arise.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—
Despite the demand of Gamerican troops from Mexico, American administration officials were in ap-

dication that the situation was expected to result in any serious friction with the de facto government in Mexico.

The development, not unexpected, was received in congress with divergent views but a general undertone of caution and a disposition to leave the situation, in its present stage, to the administration prevailed.

Misunderstanding is Mexico.

Late today secretary of state transing said the Carransa note rave etidence that there was some misunderstanding in Mexico. Some of its statements, as published, did not agree with the secretary's recollection of the prelimbary negotiations. He said the United States recognized the right of Mexico to ask withdrawal of the troops but that the government considered that the acreement under which they entered still was in force.

New Issues Raised.

The note raises a new issue in a situation already much complex, the outcome of which officials are reticent to predict until they have gone over the communication carefully.

Secretary of war Baker said he was unable to comment upon Gen. Carransis note because it raised questions of administration policy entirely within the jurisdiction of the president and the state department.

Handits Dispersed, Mexican View.

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Although Geb. Carranza rained side issues, administration officials, at their first view of the communication, regarded the principal controllers as height the controllers of the public of the public expedition has been agammlished, so far as it can be, and that the Villa bands have been dispersed.

Washington Decemit Agree.

have been dispersed.

Washington Doesn't Agree.
War department officials take the view that they have no evidence that the Villa hands have been dispersed, because they never had definite information of their number and that the very nature of the situation gives no evidence that the raiders have been exterminated.

Note is No Saravine.

Note is No Surprise.

Some state department officials confessed that Gen. Carranga's note was

femsed that Gen, Carranga's note was not a surprise.
Counselor Pelk confirmed the statement in the note that when he asked for use of the Mexican railways the reply was "satisfactory." But was coupled with an expression of surprise that the United States had not awaited final approval of the pending protocol before sending troops across the border.

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No Frevious Protest.

It was declared, officially, however, that he formal protest against the entry of ten. Fershing's columns had been made previously by Gen. Carranta. When the advance troops crossed at Columbus, it was officially staked, a Carranta general met them at the horder and made he protest, either personally ar an behalf of his government.

Can Be No Conflict In Mexico Unless Carranza Forces Invite It